Guns or Butter?

Analyze the federal spending pie chart on page 371.

Consider the difference between mandatory and discretionary spending as described on pages 371-374.

1. Create your own federal spending pie chart based on your priorities. You may not “leave it the same”…think critically about what you think is the best way to spend our tax dollars! You can add and delete items!
2. Explain the rationale for your spending choices. Also, identify “winners and losers” with your additions.
3. If you had to maintain all mandatory categories how would your decisions have been different? Discuss.